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**COST SHARE AGREEMENT****Between****Montana Department of Natural Resources – Southwestern Land Office on behalf of Butte-Silverbow County****And****United States Forest Service – Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Service**

This cost share agreement is between the agencies identified above, as negotiated for the following incident in accordance with the Statewide Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement #11-FI-110156000-006 executed between the parties for 2011-2015. The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a coordinated cooperative fire suppression operation on this fire and to describe the cost division.

**General Fire Information:**Incident Name: BuxtonIncident Start Date and Time: 7/3/2012 1500Origin: 45 degrees, 55 minutes, 30.6 seconds by -112 degrees, 42 minutes, 48.4 secondsSize: 70 acres Acres at the time of this agreement: 70 acresIncident Cause: Human Caused

Incident Numbers by Protection Agency:

Agency	Incident #	Accounting Code
MTDNRC	MT-LG01-00001	862201
USFS	MT-LG01-00001	PNG0QC

Agreement Period: This agreement becomes effective on the date indicated below and will remain in effect until amended or terminated.

State date/time: July 3, 2012

End date/time: July 5, 2012

**Principal Contacts:**

Title:	Name:	Agency:
Agency Administrator	Anthony L. Liane	MT DNRC – SWS
Agency Representative	Mike Kopitzke	MT DNRC – SWS
Agency Administrator	Dave Myers	USFS – B-D NF
Agency Representative	Peri Suegram	USFS – B-D NF, Jefferson RD
Incident Business Advisor(s)	Lily Huskey	USFS – B-D NF
Incident Commander(s)	IA: Joe Sampson IA: Ed Fisher	USFS Boulevard VFD

**Protection Responsibility:**

Does the fire area or any mitigation actions taken affect more than one area of protection responsibility? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Entity & Protection Area Description	Wildland Fire Responsibility (Y or N)	Structure Protection Responsibility (Y or N)	Structure Suppression Responsibility (Y or N)
USFS	Y	N	N
MTDNRC	N	N	N
Butte-Silverbow County	Y	Y	Y
Boulevard VFD	Y	Y	Y

**Structure Protection and Structure Suppression Details:**

1. Were any structures threatened? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Were structure protection actions conducted:
  - a. within the active fire area? Yes \_\_\_ No X
  - b. outside the active fire area? Yes \_\_\_ No X

**Other conditions relative to this agreement:**

1. Costs incurred by cooperators not engaged with the host agency or IMT in the fire suppression activities will not be included as a part of this cost share agreement.
2. Responsibility for tort claim costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
3. Costs for accountable, sensitive, and durable property purchased by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
4. Non-suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
5. Suppression strategies and their related costs, including use of aircraft and retardant, will be documented and approved by the signatories to this agreement.
6. Per the Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures, the parties to this agreement will determine the total costs of each agency. Each agency will bill for their costs with reviews occurring between the field auditors once all transactions have cleared.

**Cost Share Methodology:**

The actions taken on the Buxton fire were completed in the initial attack period and the sharing of costs will be for aviation usage only. USFS and county/VFD resources share protection responsibilities for their respective portions of the fire and will cover the costs of their own resources with the exception of the aviation costs. MTDNRC, through the county assist process will cover 50% of the aviation, with the USFS covering the other 50%.

**Final Agency Apportionment:**

1. Federal Share:
  - a. USFS - 50% of total aviation and all USFS resources
2. State Share :
  - a. MT - 50% of total aviation costs and any state resources
  - b. County - all County resources

This agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable agency cost responsibilities.

**Signatures of Authorized Personnel:**

Signature: Anthony L. Liane Date: 8/29/2012  
Anthony L. Liane, Southwestern Land Office

Signature: Peri R. Suenram Date: 11.8.2012  
Peri Suenram, Jefferson District Ranger